



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Parkinson's Disease is a slowly progressive neurological condition that affects more than one million people in the United States with a new diagnosis occurring every nine minutes; and

WHEREAS, onset most commonly occurs after age 60, but up to 10% will receive a diagnosis prior to that age; and

WHEREAS, while there is not yet a cure, Parkinson's disease can be treated with a variety of therapies that are tailored to the needs of the patient; and

WHEREAS, many Parkinson's advocacy organizations in the U.S. and around the world observe Parkinson's disease Awareness Month each April; and

WHEREAS, the American Parkinson Disease Association has sought to "Ease the Burden - Find the Cure" through research, patient and family services, education and sponsorship through a network of chapters, information and referral centers, and support groups throughout the United States; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2016 as

Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this twenty-third day of March, 2016.



Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Joe Hight in blue ink.

Secretary of State